

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The Founding Fathers could not have imagined the Huge and Immortal "UNNATURAL PERSONS"

(CORPORATIONS) which now dominate our political economy. The idea of putting them on the

same level as individuals (natural persons) in terms of enjoying basic rights like freedom of speech is

ludicrous. The Cable Ownership Cap is one small protection for individual citizens and consumers: as citizens,

those who need a diversity of information to properly exercise their role, and as

consumers, those who have the right to purchase goods and services in a free market. By removing the

Cable Ownership Cap, you will abandon basic protections for natural persons in our society. If anything, the

Cable Ownership Cap should be tightened, to provide that no more than 8 or 10% of connections could be

run by any one company.

The trend of loosening regulation in the last couple of years is alarming. The FCC ruled against a potential

"free-market class" of small FM stations, at the neighborhood level. Then the Cross-Ownership Rule

went. Now the Cable Ownership Cap may go.

The Commissioners may wish to remember the period from 1750 to 1775 in our history, when a King living

far from our neighborhoods steadily and inadvisedly upped the ante of control and restriction upon an

American Population. The King did not understand the nature of the influence of a frontier upon a group

of subjects. Our current Kings and their Lackeys may also misunderstand the potentials of digital frontiers for revolution.

Of course, King George's abilities to understand the situation were, I recall, impaired. I compassionately hope this

is not the state of our current FCC Commissioners is likewise.